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## Paul Odum Topples the Field at Beau Rivage Main Event



Paul Odum, from Canton, Georgia, topped a field of 140 runners who each ponied up \$2,000 + \$100 to enter the main event the Beau Rivage Spring Break Poker Classic in Biloxi, Mississippi. Odum, who earned \$89,630 for his efforts tallied his first-ever tournament victory and his biggest payday to date when he bested second place finisher Mark Rose. Rose who hails from Edna, Texas, has lifetime win-

nings in excess of \$550,000 and earned \$49,341 for his finish in Biloxi.

Finishing third was Frank Alpaardinar, who earned \$27,160, while

Brian Senie won \$21,728 for finishing fourth and Calvin Belton earned \$16,298 when he came in ninth.

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## Ali Eslami Wins Inaugural WSOP Circuit Western Regional Championship



By Nolan Dalla

Ali Eslami, from Los Angeles, CA captured the inaugural World Series of Poker circuit western regional championship, which debuted at Harrah's Rincon Resort and Casino, near San Diego. Eslami collected \$282,242 in prize money and qualified for an automatic seat into the WSOP circuit national championship.

Eslami endured a number of ups and downs en route to his victory and arrived

at the final table with only a slightly above-average stack—fourth in chip count. About midway through the final table, he regained the momentum of the previous day, and won a convincing victory.

Tim West, fresh off his victory in the Wynn Classic Main Event just a week earlier, arrived at the final table with a big chip lead. In fact, he was ahead nearly 2-to-1 in chips over his closest rivals. West would

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## William Vo Takes Opening Event at Hustler's Spring Classic



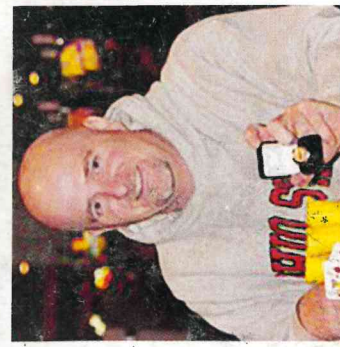
William Vo outlasted 454 entrants to capture the opening event at Liz Flint's Spring Poker Classic at the Hustler Casino. Vo, a local Southern California player from Pacific Palisades, outlasted Ronald "Check-Raise Ron" Moore to take first place prize money of

\$14,000.

The tournament series comprises 10 no-limit hold'em events and runs through April 26. Follow our coverage right here in *Poker Player Newspaper*.

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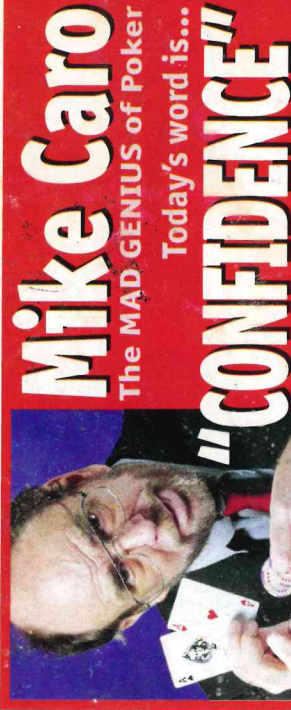
## Mark Pearse Wins Record Breaking Opening Event at Harrah's St. Louis



A whopping 843 players registered for the opening circuit event at Harrah's St. Louis, shattering last year's record of 675. The two-day event was won by Mark Pearse of Taylorville, IL, who took home \$47,096.

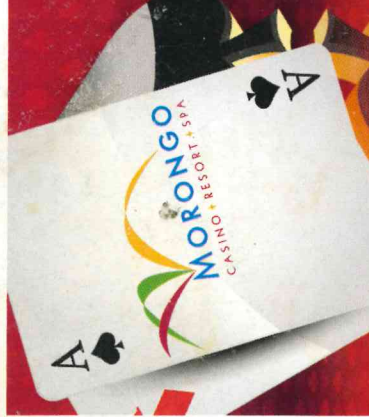
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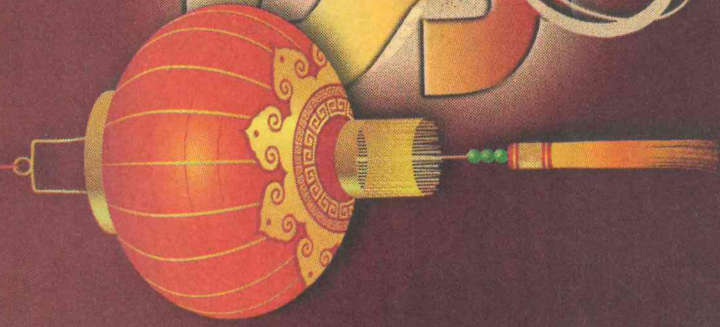
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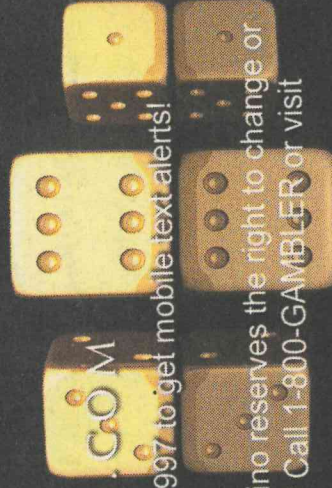
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With each new Congress comes a new bill to create a regulatory mechanism for online gambling at the federal level. 2011's version has been introduced, and it's exactly the same as 2010's, except for a new title. Barney Frank (D-MA) and John Campbell (R-CA) are the lead sponsors of this year's edition, dubbed the Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act (H.R. 1174). It should clear the Finance Committee with ease before moving on to the House and Senate floors for full debate.

### POKERSTARS-BACKED REGULATORY MEASURE ON NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

Per a report first printed by the Las Vegas Review-Sun, major online site PokerStars was confirmed to be a contributing force behind the recent introduction of a Nevada measure aiming to create a significant state-based regulatory mechanism for online poker. PokerStars hired former gambling regulator Randall Sayre and former state representative Richard Perkins as lobbyists supporting Nevada Bill AB 258, which is currently being debated by the Nevada Assembly Committee on Judiciary. Powerful interests have lined up on both sides of this one, with US Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) among those speaking out against the bill.

### WYNN, CAESARS, STATION CASINOS ANNOUNCE ONLINE-POKER PACTS

Something has shifted in the Nevada political scene, with three different Nevada-based casino groups partnering up with large online poker companies in recent weeks. Caesars Entertainment received regulatory approval of its working arrangement with online giant 888 Holdings (888Poker and Pacific Poker), with two other new pacts just announced as well. Longtime online gaming holdout Steve Wynn has joined forces with PokerStars, and Station Casinos has reached a deal with Full Tilt. The exact nature of the agreements has yet to be fully spelled out, and the pacts may still need further approval. The rush to sign these deals, however, indicates that the Nevada legislative push may soon come to fruition.

### RUSSIANS DOMINATE MARCH EURO STOPS

The World Poker Tour's recent trip to Vienna, Austria, drew a strong international field of 555 players, with Russia's Dmitry Gromov eventually taking down top honors. Gromov's breakthrough here was worth €447,840 (about \$631,400), with Gromov eliminating fellow Russian Maxim Kolosov (€241,180) for the title. This followed a win by Russia's Vladimir Geshkenbein days earlier at the nearby European Poker Tour Snowfest event, with Geshkenbein topping Belgium's Kevin Vandersmissen for that tourney's €390,000 (about \$550,000) top prize. Vandermissen's runner-up showing was worth €260,000.

### FACEBOOK POKER-CHIP THIEF SENTENCED TO PRISON

Unreformed computer hacker Ashley Mitchell was sentenced to two years in prison for stealing billions of play-money poker chips from Zynga, makers of the popular Facebook poker application. The chips have no real-money worth but are redeemable for other things of value, and Mitchell, a 28-year-old UK citizen, sold off chunks of the 400 billion play credits he stole for tens of thousands of dollars. Mitchell picked up an extra six months of jail time for failing to adhere to the terms set following a previous hacking conviction.

### HAWAII JOINS STATE-BASED REGULATORY PUSH

Legal and fully licensed intrastate online poker in Hawaii? That's what will come to be if a new state measure, SB 755, comes to pass. This one looks to be a longshot, with the pro-regulatory language inserted as a rewrite of an existing measure by two Democratic legislatures, with their Republican counterparts already mounting publicity attacks in a state where no form of gambling is currently legal.

Haley Hintze is a freelance journalist who closely follows all the doings in the world of poker.

## Caro's Word: "Confidence"

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Confidence is greatly misunderstood as a poker trait. In today's self-interview, I'll set the record straight.

**Question 1: In poker, are winners more confident than losers?**

Absolutely.

Winning builds confidence. Seeing the sun wake you up many mornings in a row gives you confidence that the darkest night won't last forever. Turning a key in the ignition and listening to your engine hum for the 200th consecutive time makes you confident that you can start your car that way.

So, yes, when you win often at poker, you're confident that you can keep doing it. Conversely, most losers get discouraged.

They don't know what the magic is to winning. They wonder whether they'll ever win again. Losers typically display little confidence—and sometimes no confidence whatsoever.

**Question 2: So only winners display confidence in poker?**

No.

I've seen cowboy lookalikes saunter up to the table, appearing menacing and, not long thereafter, limp away. Embarrassed. Whimpering. Those guys displayed plenty of con-

fidence. They just didn't have the skill to match.

Confidence is important for winners at poker, for whom it can add profit. But it's a disaster for losers. Teaching weak players to be confident in poker is like dropping cats into a lake from a speedboat so that they won't continue to fear large bodies of water. Almost all of us have tried that experiment, but if your results were like mine, your cats didn't gain a bit of confidence, either.

**Question 3: Somewhere during that muddled analogy, you said that "confidence is important for winners at poker." Isn't confidence natural for winners and mostly unnatural for losers? So, why bother?**

It's natural for winners while they're winning. Unfortunately, most players who have a long-term expectation of profit, because they have the talent to make consistently good decisions, get confused when they run badly. They often lose confidence.

Please understand, being confident won't help you get better cards. And being unconfident won't bring you bad cards. But your level of confidence will affect the results you get

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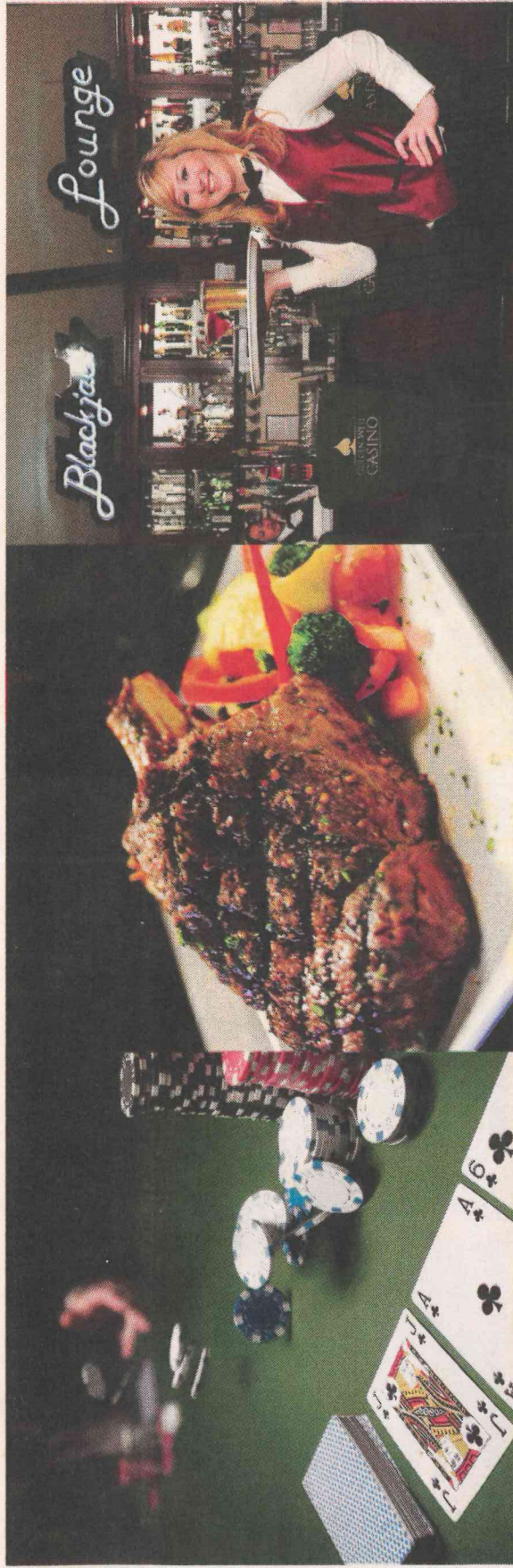
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# Harrahs St. Louis WSOP Circuit Event

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handed, Phil Stelzer ran his As-9h all-in into Hugh Drummond's pocket kings. Drummond flopped a set to eliminate Stelzer, who took home \$15,998.

Mark Pearce sniffed out a bluff when Hugh Drummond moved all-in on a Qh-3d-Qc-3c-I'd board. Pearce pondered, but eventually made the right call with just a king-high. His Kc-5c crippled Drummond, who had T-8. Shortly after, Drummond was all-in with A-J vs. Pearce's pocket fives. The fives held, eliminating the final table's once dominating chip leader in stunning fashion. Drummond took home \$21,436 in third place prize money.

Heads-up play featured

Mark Pearce and Charlie Dawson nearly dead even in chips. They got it all-in on the first hand of heads-up play when Dawson re-raised Pearce pre-flop for all of his chips. Pearce called with pocket treys while Dawson tabled Ah-Th.

The final board blanked for Dawson, giving Pearce a remarkable comeback victory. Dawson's second place finish was worth \$29,102.

For his victory, Pearce took home \$47,096 and the WSOP Circuit gold ring.

**HARRAHS - ST LOUIS**  
**WSOP CIRCUIT EVENT**  
RING EVENT 5  
4/5/11  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$345  
PLAYERS 138  
**PRIZE POOL \$101,681**

1. Hugh Drummond ... \$24,611
2. Richard Roberts ... \$15,209
3. Bob Talbot ... \$11,113
4. Timothy Reedy ... \$8,251
5. Matt Lawrence ... \$6,222
6. Paul Giles ... \$4,762
7. Nikolaj Poulsen ... \$3,698
8. Michael Souza ... \$2,913
9. Aaron Massey ... \$2,327

**RING EVENT 4**  
4/4/11  
**H.O.R.S.E.**  
BUY-IN \$345  
PLAYERS 138  
**PRIZE POOL \$38,406**

1. Benjamin Logan ... \$10,755
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3. Martin Warren ... \$4,798
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BUY-IN \$345  
PLAYERS 843  
**PRIZE POOL \$241,510**

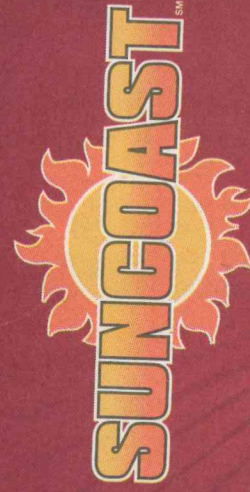
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2. Charlie Dawson ... \$29,102
3. Hugh Drummond ... \$21,436
4. Phil Stelzer ... \$15,998
5. George Cahill ... \$12,095
6. Frank Austin ... \$9,262
7. Eric Crain ... \$7,183
8. Bryan Testin ... \$5,639
9. Wyatt Denis ... \$4,482

**RING EVENT 2**  
4/2/11  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$345  
PLAYERS 709  
**PRIZE POOL \$202,906**

1. Daniel Stenderowicz ... \$41,589
2. Mark Koehn ... \$25,739
3. Paul Jepsen ... \$18,878
4. Donald Swentik ... \$14,039

**RING EVENT 3**  
4/3/11  
**OMAHA HI-LO 8/B**  
BUY-IN \$345  
PLAYERS 181  
**PRIZE POOL \$50,794**

1. Kurt Jewell ... \$13,206
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<b>13B</b>	4/23	SAT	3PM	<b>RE-ENTRY NLH</b>	\$225+\$25	17,000	3,000	
<b>13C</b>	4/24	SUN	3PM	<b>RE-ENTRY NLH</b>	\$225+\$25	17,000	3,000	
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In poker, a raise can serve a multitude of purposes. By far the two most common motives for raising are to get more money in, and to drive opponents out. The first is a pretty straightforward proposition. Any time you believe that you have the best of it, whether in the form of the strongest hand or the most promising draw, you want to build up a nice juicy pot. You are raising for value.

The number two incentive for raising is to eliminate opponents. If you're holding a good-but-not-great hand such as top pair, your odds of victory are still looking iffy, but they increase as your number of opponents decreases. So you'd prefer to push opponents out of the hand sooner rather than later, before they have the chance to make a better hand.

Whether or not you'll succeed in driving out opponents with your raise depends on a number of factors, beginning with position. All things being equal, putting in a raise when you're under the gun is going to drop a lot more opponents than a raise from late position. Your table image also has a lot to do with it; raises from nits tend to be taken very seriously, while raises from habitual maniacs, not so much. There's also the size of the pot, and of course in no-limit and pot-limit, the size of the raise itself.

In the same general category is raising to give your opponents the wrong odds to draw. If you flop top pair but there's an obvious flush draw on the board, you'd prefer to get rid of anybody with aspirations of chasing a flush. But if you can't make them go away, you can at least charge a fee for the chance to suck out. Make them pay too much, so that mathematically they'll be making a mistake by calling. This is especially important in no-limit and pot-limit, where you can specifically design your raise to be the exact amount that would make it incorrect for opponents to draw.

Raising can also be done as a bluff or semi-bluff. Done as a pure bluff, raising can be a dicey proposition. If it doesn't work the cost can be crippling. Raising on a semi-bluff offers a little more protection. For example, if you've got a hand like second pair with an overcard kicker, or a straight draw with only one card to come, you'd like your opponent(s) to fold post haste. But even if you get called, you can still catch one of your outs to win.

We can also raise to get a free card. Generally this works best from late position, and it should be done on an early, cheap round of betting—with the aim to buy a free card on a more expensive round. A classic example is raising from last position with a drawing hand on the flop. Because so many poker players are apt to "check to the raiser," the action will likely be checked over to you on the turn. If the turn card didn't help your hand, you can then just check along and get a free look at the river.

Finally, raising can also be done as a means to gain information, based on your opponent's response. With your raise, you are sending the other players a message: My hand is strong. If your opponent re-pops it, he is telling you that he's not impressed by your show of strength. This is valuable information, but most of the time it's not, in and of itself, a good enough reason to raise because it's too expensive. However, if you're considering a raise for other reasons and you have a borderline decision, knowing that a raise will help you gain information about the strength of your opponent's hand may be enough to tip the scales in favor of pushing out that raise.

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I had an interesting revelation the other day while playing poker. I was out in Wendover, Nevada visit-

cards would determine the point value.

I looked down to see A-K-Q-9 and decided that



## THE FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER... BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

BY OKLAHOMA SARAH HALE

ing my dear friend, Jody Russel at the Montego Bay, where he's the poker room manager and has really done a great job promoting and growing the poker room. I felt honored to be asked to be the celebrity hostess for The Montego Bay Poker Challenge. I had such a nice time and got to meet a bunch of talented and very friendly poker players.

I invited my folks out to play in some of the events and celebrate my birthday with me. It was the second tournament of the challenge and somehow my mom and I ended up at the same table. The tournament was a H.O. tournament (half no-limit hold'em and half pot-limit Omaha). Omaha is not my best game and I think both my mom and I were a little rusty. I had somehow managed to build up a decent chip stack and had outlasted three-quarters of the field.

I decided that my strategy would be to play more aggressively in the hold'em rounds and lay back during Omaha rounds unless I had a minimum of thirty eight points in my hand, meaning that the face value of my straight possible yet. Sure

she had a wrap and a very nice draw but my hand was essentially the nuts! I was so perturbed and couldn't believe my own mother would bluff me.

My mom later explained that she misread her hand and legitimately thought she flopped a straight. It took me about twenty minutes to shake it off and put my focus back on the task at hand, winning the tournament. I ended up chopping the tournament with a couple of good players and my mom won the day before. Even though the unintentional bluff stung a little, I couldn't be happier to be part of a poker-playing family. We have a saying in our home, "The family that plays together stays together," I just don't want them at my table anymore!

### OK-SARAH POKER TIP

"Someone once asked me why women don't gamble as much as men do, and I gave the commonsensical reply that we don't have as much money. That was a true but incomplete answer. In fact, women's total instinct for gambling is satisfied by marriage."

—Gloria Steinem

**I am OK Sarah and I always Stay Lucky!**

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6. Howard Doerfling .. \$1,350

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4. Argenise Gonzalez ...\$625
5. Timothy Umali .....\$475

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PRIZE POOL  
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3. James Batke .....\$4,000
4. Unknown .....\$3,350
5. Donald Sinclair .....\$2,675
6. Robert Rafay .....\$2,200

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4. Patrick Karschamroon \$23,057
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## Phil Reed Wins Foxwoods Poker Classic

The 2011 Foxwoods Poker Classic \$2,500 no-limit hold'em championship attracted 284 entrants competing for a \$640,490 prize pool, with the final three players agreeing on a deal that left Michael Lavoie of Wolcott, CT, in third with \$79,967, Ron Pease of Glastonbury, CT in second with \$108,295, while Phil Reed of Washington, DC walked away with the winner's share of \$114,050.

It was Reed's second largest career cash. His biggest payday came when he finished second in Harrah's Atlantic City WSOP circuit main event, winning \$147,707. Reed's career earnings total \$432,455.

The deal was reached after Hoboken, NJ resident,

Todd Terry was eliminated in fourth place, which was good for 46,755. Canadian Darren Keys finished fifth, winning \$35,868.

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3. Michael Lavoie .....\$79,967
4. Todd Terry .....\$46,755
5. Darren Keys .....\$35,868
6. Justin Schwartz ...\$29,142
7. Rodney Legendre .. \$24,339
8. David Whalen .....\$19,855
9. Kyle Loman .....\$16,666

## Caro's Word: "Confidence"

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from the cards you're dealt.

There are two main reasons for this: Image and attitude.

When you seem confident, opponents are more leery. They fear you know exactly what you're doing and will somehow get their money. As a result, opponents don't push some advantages against winners who seem confident. Their fear causes them to get less value from hands, because they don't aggressively pursuing edges. That works in your favor.

And your confidence confuses opponents who don't know what to expect next from you. So, they tend to call more often

than they should and make many other mistakes. These mistakes can be traced to the fact that they're wasting too much of their mental energy worrying about you, rather than making quality decisions.

Conversely, when you're losing and don't display confidence, opponents feel comfortable and attack. They get maximum value from hands when they have an advantage. Unfortunately, just showing confidence isn't quite enough in this case, because opponents will become inspired and play better if you're conspicuously losing, even if you seem confident. Keeping a confident

attitude, though, will diminish that effect and save you money. But you should pretty much stop attacking and wait out long droughts until the cards make you a force to be reckoned with again.

So, when you're running bad, back off, but remain confident—and let others know it.

### Question 4: Any tips for how to portray confidence?

Yes, you should make your bets, calls, and raises, briskly and with certainty. Do that even when you fold. This tends to unnerv many foes. The only time to seem hesitant is when you're doing it on purpose to lure a call or disguise a hand.

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## Mad Genius Advertising

### LESSONS FROM MIKE CARO UNIVERSITY OF POKER

BY DIANE McHAFFIE



Once you master all of the intricacies of poker, only then have you reached the position of attempting Mike Caro's method of strategic poker advertising.

The style of advertising that Mike applies isn't necessarily for the faint of heart. Most players initially find it difficult to purposely throw money away, although if it's going to help them acquire profit in the long run, it doesn't take very much persuading.

**Atmosphere:** The Mad Genius finessed his image so that his wild actions appear to be for entertainment, when his purpose is to earn a profit. This technique is usually for very skilled poker players and should be applied infrequently, and only if the atmosphere at the table is right.

Plopping himself down at the table, the Mad Genius proceeds to quickly dump approximately \$600 to chosen opponents who have no clue that battle lines have been drawn. There is a knack to pulling this off successfully. You must carefully select your unwitting accomplices, so you receive the appropriate reactions. Those who are most likely to enjoy the action and later talk about it are the best targets. They'll provide free advertising after the hand.

**Temporary:** Sometimes, you'll get lucky and win during your opening money giveaway. But that's fine, because often you get even more psychological credit for winning in bizarre ways than you will from losing. Usually though, you'll be generating a short-term windfall for your selected victims. Remember, this is only *temporary*—merely a loan, which you'll receive back with interest in due time.

I've witnessed the Mad Genius apply this technique and it's awesome. Time and again he appears to throw money recklessly into the pot, calling and raising sometimes without even looking at his cards. Of course, he's chatting amiably while totally confusing his opponents. Camaraderie and laughter abound as players rake in his money. Ah, but they are unaware that in the very near future, they'll be parting with those chips.

**Wizard:** To successfully accomplish this method of profiting from tossing money away, one must immediately become the focus of attention at the table. You're the wizard! Once you have everyone's attention, you have power. You own the table! You'll be able to play hands you normally would have folded and your opponents will call with even weaker hands, because your skill enables you to manipulate them. Your loose, reckless image encourages your opponents to call more, but be less aggressive with quality hands. Your advertising succeeds because those opponents are the easiest to beat.

But you should avoid advertising if you aren't planning on remaining at the table very long; it's not cost effective to toss away money you might not have time to reclaim.

If players are likely to be leaving it won't be profitable to perform either, and if there are only three or four players at the table, wait for others to join the game. You need a larger audience to execute your magic act. If there is discourse among the players, you aren't going to have everyone's full attention, which is necessary to succeed. Remember, you want to be the main act.

**Pretend:** OK, so maybe you're saying this just isn't an image you feel you can pull off. But wait, do you act the same around your Aunt Betty as you do with your best friend, Sally? Nope, I'm betting you don't. Everyone puts on an act, even my sister. Her actions in a room full of people differ when her husband is around than when he isn't. So, you can't tell me that you've never pretended to be someone you aren't.

So it is with poker players. They're on the poker stage, misleading their opponents about the power of their cards. This is why they broadcast tells.

In life as in poker we learn to make our personality fit the circumstances and notice when others appear uncomfortable. These observations, as well as selective advertising, can be used to our benefit.

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# Heritage

## A Joe & Hobby fiction by David J. Valley

**H**obby and I flew to Panama City to meet Mike and the crew on *Lazybuns II* after it cleared the Panama Canal. Anyone who flies very often has a share of horror stories to tell, but never have I had so many things go wrong on one trip. The details are boring, but the bottom line was that we arrived a day late. Once on the ground at Panama City, Hobby called Mike and learned all was well with *Lazybuns*. We could take a water taxi and be aboard within an hour. The weather was clear and comfortably hot on deck, great for relaxing and soaking up rays. On our second day running north, about thirty miles off the shore of Baja California, Hobby spotted the surface churning off our port bow. We stopped briefly and snagged a couple

of websites that'll help you

"Joe, you're not going to just sit on your ass and feed your face, are you?"

"Only until I get a better offer."

"Well, how about this. I started looking into my family's ancestry and I've hit a dead end. I can't find anyone beyond my grandfather."

"Hobby, there's a bunch of websites that'll help you

trace your family tree. They know all about this stuff and have all the resources."

"I've tried them, Joe. But there's nothing there. My grandfather lived in San Francisco and was successful in the construction business. He sent my father to Stanford where he majored in finance and worked in the stock market. After he married and I was born the family moved to Beverly Hills ... and that's it."

"What did your father tell you?"

"Next to nothing. When I was a kid he told me my grandfather invented the Fig Newton, which was named after him, but that was B.S., I learned later."

"Did you try to trace your grandmother's family?"

"Yeah, her maiden name was Mary Louise Smith. There was no way to find her among a trillion Smiths ... Joe, you've got that funny look on your face. What are you thinking?"

"It may be nothing, but it was a common practice back in your grandmother's

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5/29	Sun.	12pm	Four States Razz Championship*	4,000	25 mins	\$85 + \$15
5/29	Sun.	7pm	Four States H.O. Championship* - 1/2 NL Hold'em & 1/2 PLO	5,000	30 mins	\$100 + \$20
5/30	Mon.	12pm	"Bonnie and Clyde" - No Limit Hold'em, Mixed Couples*	5,000	30 mins	\$100 + \$20 per team
5/30	Mon.	7pm	Four States Triple Draw 2-7 Championship*	4,000	25 mins	\$85 + \$15
5/31	Tue.	12pm	No Limit Hold'em, Turbo	2,000	15 mins	\$35 + \$5
5/31	Tue.	7pm	Four States Hi-Lo Championship - 1/2 Stud/8 & 1/2 Omaha/8*	4,000	25 mins	\$85 + \$15
6/1	Wed.	12pm	Four States Limit Hold'em Championship*	3,000	20 mins	\$60 + \$10
6/1	Wed.	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Bounty Championship* - \$25 bounties	5,000	30 mins	\$75 + \$25 + \$20
6/2	Thur.	12pm	Four States 7-Stud Championship*	4,000	25 mins	\$85 + \$15
6/2	Thur.	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Shootout* - 20% advance from each table	3,000	20 mins	\$60 + \$10
6/3	Fri.	12pm	Four States PLO Championship*	6,000	30 mins	\$200 + \$30
6/3	Fri.	7pm	No Limit Hold'em w/ One Optional Rebuy	5,000	30 mins	\$100 + \$20
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Sat	4/30/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM Day 1D	\$100	+	\$25
Sun	5/1/11	11:30AM	PNP SUNDAY NLH \$10 Multi Rebuy	\$25	+	\$15
Mon	5/2/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM TURBO	\$100	+	\$25
Tue	5/3/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM	\$100	+	\$25
Wed	5/4/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM DEEPSTACK	\$200	+	\$30
Thu	5/5/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY	\$125	+	\$25
Fri	5/6/11	7:15PM	FRIDAY NIGHT CHALLENGE <small>NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM \$10 MULTI-REBUY</small>	\$25	+	\$15
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## West Wins Wynn Classic

Tim West defeated Norwegian online wunder-kind Annette "Annette 15" Obrestad heads up to capture first place at the \$5,000 + \$170 buy-in Wynn Classic in Las Vegas. For his victory, West took home \$318,738 — his biggest payday to date — and it must have motivated him too.

Only six days later West finished second to Ali Eslami at the WSOP circuit event western regional championship at Harrah's Rincon, outside of San Diego. For his second place finish there, West won \$174,443, making his week's haul just a few thousand short of a half-million dollars.

Matthew Waxman took home \$120,814 for his third place finish at the Wynn Classic, while fourth place finisher Max Steinberg walked away with \$71,974, while fifth place finisher Eric Froelich AKA "EFTro" won \$51,410.


**WYNN LAS VEGAS 3/21/11**  
**WYNN CLASSIC**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
**MAIN EVENT**  
BUY-IN \$5,000 + \$170  
**PRIZE POOL \$1,028,210**

1. Tim West .....\$318,738
2. Annette Obrestad . \$215,922
3. Matthew Waxman \$120,814
4. Max Steinberg ....\$71,974
5. Eric Froelich .....\$51,410
6. Vassilios Lazarou ..\$41,128
7. Carter King .....\$30,846

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## Results: Beau Rivage

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**BEAU RIVAGE HOTEL & CASINO**  
**SPRING BREAK POKER CLASSIC**  
**EVENT #16 3/26/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
**MAIN EVENT**  
BUY-IN \$2,000 + \$100  
**PLAYERS 140**

**PRIZE POOL \$271,600**

1. Paul Odum .....\$89,630
2. Mark Rose .....\$49,431
3. Frank Alpaandinar . \$27,160
4. Brian Senie .....\$21,728
5. Calvin Belton .....\$16,296
6. Fred Sigur .....\$13,580
7. Mike Dang .....\$10,864
8. James Arruebarrena \$8,148
9. Clint Schafer .....\$5,432

**EVENT #15 3/25/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 161**  
**PRIZE POOL \$46,851**  
Tim Hebert

1. Tim Hebert.....\$15,459
2. Anthony Moore ....\$8,527
3. David Poor .....\$4,685

**EVENT #14 3/24/11**  
**LIMIT OMAHA HI-LO 8/B**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 36**  
**PRIZE POOL \$6,984**  
Jacob Seale

1. Jacob Seale .....\$3,143
2. Samuel Bailey .....\$1,746

**EVENT #13 3/24/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 104**  
**REBUYS 310**  
**PRIZE POOL \$40,158**  
Blake Barousse

1. Blake Barousse ....\$14,457
2. Leroy Cheeseman ...\$7,630
3. Tim Burt.....\$4,819

**EVENT #12 3/23/11**  
**LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 36**  
**PRIZE POOL \$6,984**  
Mary Williams

1. Mary Williams .....\$3,143
2. John Sparks .....\$1,746

**EVENT #11 3/23/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 126**  
**PRIZE POOL \$20,664**  
Samuel Bailey

1. Samuel Bailey .....\$6,819
2. Andrei Neema .....\$3,761

**EVENT #10 3/22/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 109**  
**PRIZE POOL \$21,146**  
Randy Hollis

1. Randy Hollis .....\$7,612
2. Natasha Barbour ...\$4,018

**EVENT #9 3/22/11**  
**POT LIMIT OMAHA 8/B**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 40**  
**PRIZE POOL \$7,760**  
Murray Manderosian

1. Murray Manderosian \$3,492
2. Joshua Palmer .....\$1,940

**EVENT #8 3/21/11**  
**7-CARD STUD HI-LO 8/B**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 28**  
**PRIZE POOL \$5,432**  
David Delchamps

1. David Delchamps ...\$2,444
2. Billy Harvill .....\$1,630

**EVENT #7 3/21/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 91**  
**REBUYS 83**  
**PRIZE POOL \$33,756**  
Tyler Smith

1. Tyler Smith .....\$12,152
2. David Davis .....\$6,414
3. Venkatesch Gupta ..\$4,051

**EVENT #6 3/20/11**  
**POT LIMIT OMAHA**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 35**  
**PRIZE POOL \$13,192**

1. David Todd .....\$5,936
2. Stephen Hamontree . \$3,298

**EVENT #5 3/20/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**RESULTS**  
**DELAWARE PARK**  
**POKER CLASSIC**

**DELAWARE PARK CASINO EVENT #3**  
**POKER CLASSIC**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$340

**PLAYERS 208**  
**PRIZE POOL \$60,528**  
Mark Hsu

1. Mark Hsu.....\$14,525
2. Saad Ghanem.....\$8,958
3. Thomas Hummel....\$6,053
4. Rodney Ord.....\$4,297
5. Tim Far.....\$3,329

**PLAYERS 145**  
**PRIZE POOL \$28,130**  
Ronny Sharpe

1. Ronny Sharpe .....\$9,281
2. Joshua Palmer .....\$5,120

**EVENT #4 3/19/11**  
**LADIES NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 36**  
**PRIZE POOL \$6,984**  
Brenda Whitten

1. Brenda Whitten ....\$3,143
2. Dianne Bainter .....\$1,746

**EVENT #3 3/19/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 273**  
**PRIZE POOL \$52,962**  
Farid Nasserazad

1. Farid Nasserazad ..\$15,885
2. Brett Terrell .....\$8,474
3. Richard Bratner ....\$4,767

**EVENT #2 3/18/11**  
**LIMIT OMAHA HI-LO 8/B**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 51**  
**PRIZE POOL \$9,894**  
Joseph Burke

1. Joseph Burke .....\$3,560
2. David Brooker .....\$1,880

**EVENT #1 3/18/11**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$300 + \$40

**PLAYERS 183**  
**PRIZE POOL \$53,253**  
Ray Small

1. Ray Small .....\$17,571
2. Rodney Shows .....\$9,692
3. Ted Lawler .....\$5,325

**DELAWARE PARK CASINO EVENT #2**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$150

**PLAYERS 545**  
**PRIZE POOL \$64,855**  
Mustafa Ali

1. Mustafa Ali.....\$14,919
2. Antonio Meloro.....\$9,119
3. Jessie Carter .....\$6,044
4. Christian Ritchie....\$4,203

**DELAWARE PARK CASINO EVENT #1**  
**NO LIMIT HOLD'EM**  
BUY-IN \$100

**PLAYERS 478**  
**PRIZE POOL \$36,328**  
William Sachse

1. William Sachse .....\$8,531
2. Brian Sciabarras.....\$5,268
3. Jerome Maize.....\$3,451



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## SoCal Gaming Giant Haig Kelegian Retires from The Bike

March 2011 concluded Haig Kelegian's remarkable run as managing partner of the Bicycle Casino and tenure as an influential leader in California gaming. Kelegian entered the gaming arena in 1982 as a shareholder in the Commerce Casino. His experience on their Board of Directors provided a unique, hands-on experience with the largest casino in California, and it paid off. He then purchased Ocean's Eleven Casino, a 47-table card casino in Oceanside, California, and a few years later, purchased the Bicycle Casino. He never looked back.



Dedicated to easing the gap between state cardrooms and tribal casinos, Kelegian continues to forge positive resolutions with State government and legislators as a member of the California Gambling Control Commission Advisory Committee. Kelegian turned the Bike's reigns over to

his protégé, Hashem Mina'i, the newly crowned Managing Partner and CEO, whom he hand-picked to manage his team in 1999 when Kelegian and his partners purchased the casino.

Kelegian's visionary approach has taken the Bike to worldwide recognition, and he remains a committed casino owner and will continue to contribute to the industry through various efforts. Established in 1984, The Bicycle Casino is one of the largest card casinos in the country, and continues to be at the forefront of the poker revolution. Home of "Live at the Bike!"—the first high stakes cash game streamed live from the casino's floor—the Bike continues to pioneer innovative projects that evolve the sport of poker.



# Why Do You Play Poker?

SENIORS SCENE

BY GEORGE "THE ENGINEER" EPSTEIN



Have you ever asked yourself: "Why do I play poker?"

Whether or not we admit it, most play the game for recreation, with the money we win as a measure of success. But there is more to it than that.

There are two types of poker players:

(1) **"Professionals"** who depend on poker for a living.

They have no other significant source of income. If they are wise, they invest part of their winnings whenever they register a significant win. Their whole life is wrapped around the game of poker. Some give up their college education or quit their jobs to make room for playing poker. They often play in big tournaments, hoping to make big money. Some do... other's don't.

(2) **"Recreational players"** who play the game for enjoyment, but there may be other reasons.

This category represents the majority of poker players. They often have full-time jobs or are retired and play one or two times a week, often in home games with friends. They enjoy playing poker as a leisure activity—more like a hobby as distinct from an occupation. Those of us in this category play for diversion from the day-to-day grind of the real world—an escape from the news of wars, unemployment, and corruption in government that blasts out at us from the front pages of our newspapers. It's the same reason why so many people enjoy watching professional sporting events, or going to the movies *diversion*, a change from the daily routines of life.

**Challenge.** But playing poker is more than just a diversion; it offers a mental challenge. Can I make the right decisions during the game? It's like doing a crossword puzzle—a personal challenge—only more rewarding when you win money. It's analogous to accepting a dare, a test of your abilities.

**Social interaction.** Socializing is yet another reason most of us enjoy poker. How many of you ever thought about it? It's being with other people, interacting with others, watching and talking to them, and sharing experiences. This is especially true for those who play in casinos or home games. Interacting with other people is an important part of human nature. Indeed, even birds and animals naturally socialize among themselves. There are flocks of birds, pride of lions, and all manners of animal groupings. Part of enjoying a day at the baseball game is being among other people, especially when you are all rooting for the same team.

It makes a difference in the games we play.

As recreational players, it's advisable to play at stakes with which you feel comfortable, with perhaps an occasional foray into slightly higher stakes. Most important, as the students in my poker classes and Poker Lab foreswear:

"Never, never, never ever play for the rent money."

No matter how skilled you become, there is always the matter of luck (chance) over which you have no control. Although skill can influence luck, it can never control it. The odds may be heavily in your favor, but—trust to luck—sometimes you will be rivered by a long shot. It happens.

Of course, going home a winner is our goal. And, indeed, it should be. As my wife, Irene, used to say: I enjoy winning, and the more I win, the more fun it is.

**How About YOU?** I don't claim to have all the answers, and would welcome your comments on this important topic. Perhaps we can jointly identify other reasons to play the game of poker ... and thereby contribute to the poker world we all love. I invite you to e-mail your comments to me at [geps222@msn.com](mailto:geps222@msn.com). Why do **you** play poker?

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# POKER PLAYER

Every other issue's crossword puzzle honors a poker celebrity and will be about that person's life. Today's puzzle honors not a person but a place—**Pechanga Casino**.

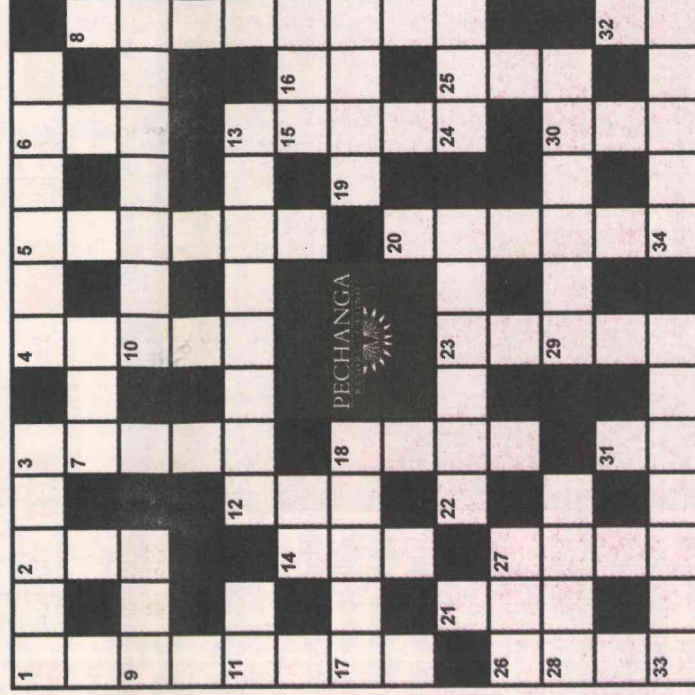
Crossword by **Myles Mellor**.

ACROSS

DOWN

1. One of the working periods in a casino
4. Calls with nothing
7. 2001 computer
9. \_\_\_ eyed king
10. Poker pro, Dave "Devilfish" \_\_\_
11. Head \_\_\_ head?
12. Great Temecula, California poker playing destination (goes with 22 across)
14. Salem state
15. He got a \_\_\_ beat
17. Having one's name in for a particular game (2 words)
19. Fearless
22. See 12 across
24. Observe
26. Put in the maximum number of raises permitted in a round of betting
28. Stand as the winning hand
29. Poker slang for three 3s
33. Shells out money (2 words)
34. Where you pay to stay

1. Type of poker tournament where the winners of each table compete in a playoff (2 words)
2. Cold deck
3. Trey
4. Strong poker hand
5. Not a brick and mortar table!
6. Deuce
8. Overblind
12. Expert
13. Over
14. \_\_\_ suit
16. R and B singer Green
18. Make a conclusion about someone else's hand
20. \_\_\_ street, the turn
21. Notorious Chairman
23. Describing the total action to which one player is entitled, when side pot are involved (2 words)
25. At this time
26. Casino piece
27. Join a table
30. Three of a kind
31. A big \_\_\_
32. Chat term for high limit



The correct solution to the puzzle will be found only at: [www.pokerplayernewspaper.com](http://www.pokerplayernewspaper.com). It will be posted on the cover date.



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Time. Some events start after the hour  
A, P ..... AM, PM  
WK ..... Week  
LH Limit Hold'em  
N No Limit  
H Hold'em  
NH No Limit Hold'em  
S Stud  
S Stud

7-Card Stud  
5-Card Stud  
Omaha  
H/L High/Low Split  
P Pineapple  
Pot Limit  
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Re-buys and/or Add-ons allowed  
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
TIME	BUY-IN	TIME	BUY-IN	TIME	BUY-IN	TIME	BUY-IN
Lucky Buck Cardroom, Livermore	9A \$25+9A NH	9A \$25+9A NH	9A \$25+9A NH	9A \$25+9A NH	9A \$25+9A NH	9A \$25+9A NH	9A \$25+9A NH
Lucky Chances	9A \$120+9A NH	9A \$120+9A NH	9A \$120+9A NH	9A \$120+9A NH	9A \$120+9A NH	9A \$120+9A NH	9A \$120+9A NH
Lucky Derby Casino	9A \$159A NH	9A \$159A NH	9A \$159A NH	9A \$159A NH	9A \$159A NH	9A \$159A NH	9A \$159A NH
Merced Poker Room	11A \$711A NH	11A \$711A NH	11A \$711A NH	11A \$711A NH	11A \$711A NH	11A \$711A NH	11A \$711A NH
Mike's Card Casino, Oakdale	10A \$711A NH	10A \$711A NH	10A \$711A NH	10A \$711A NH	10A \$711A NH	10A \$711A NH	10A \$711A NH
Napa Valley Casino	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH
Oaks Card Club-Emeryville	6P \$12010A NH	6P \$12010A NH	6P \$12010A NH	6P \$12010A NH	6P \$12010A NH	6P \$12010A NH	6P \$12010A NH
Oceana Casino	9A \$79A NH	9A \$79A NH	9A \$79A NH	9A \$79A NH	9A \$79A NH	9A \$79A NH	9A \$79A NH
Pastime Cardroom, Benicia	6P \$80+ NH	6P \$80+ NH	6P \$80+ NH	6P \$80+ NH	6P \$80+ NH	6P \$80+ NH	6P \$80+ NH
Pete's 881 Club	11A \$30+ NH	11A \$30+ NH	11A \$30+ NH	11A \$30+ NH	11A \$30+ NH	11A \$30+ NH	11A \$30+ NH
Phoenix Casino	11A \$1511A NH	11A \$1511A NH	11A \$1511A NH	11A \$1511A NH	11A \$1511A NH	11A \$1511A NH	11A \$1511A NH
Pit River Casino	11A \$55+ NH	11A \$55+ NH	11A \$55+ NH	11A \$55+ NH	11A \$55+ NH	11A \$55+ NH	11A \$55+ NH
Poker Flats, Merced	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH
River Rock Casino-Geyserville	5P \$55+ NH	5P \$55+ NH	5P \$55+ NH	5P \$55+ NH	5P \$55+ NH	5P \$55+ NH	5P \$55+ NH
Sho Ka Wah, Hopland	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH
Tachi Palace Casino	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH
The 101 Club	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH
Thunder Valley Casino, Lincoln	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH	10A \$1510A NH
Turlock Poker Room	10A \$3510A NH	10A \$3510A NH	10A \$3510A NH	10A \$3510A NH	10A \$3510A NH	10A \$3510A NH	10A \$3510A NH
Wine Country Casino	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH
Win-River Casino, Redding	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH
Apache Gold	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH
Blue Water Casino	11A \$1307P NH	11A \$1307P NH	11A \$1307P NH	11A \$1307P NH	11A \$1307P NH	11A \$1307P NH	11A \$1307P NH
Bucky's Casino	10A \$10+ NH	10A \$10+ NH	10A \$10+ NH	10A \$10+ NH	10A \$10+ NH	10A \$10+ NH	10A \$10+ NH
Casino Ariz.-Scottsdale	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH
Casino Del Sol	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH
Cliff Castle	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH	12P \$13+12P NH
Fort McDowell	12P \$257P NH	12P \$257P NH	12P \$257P NH	12P \$257P NH	12P \$257P NH	12P \$257P NH	12P \$257P NH
Gila River/Wild Horse Pass	11A \$2011A NH	11A \$2011A NH	11A \$2011A NH	11A \$2011A NH	11A \$2011A NH	11A \$2011A NH	11A \$2011A NH
Gila River-Vee Quiva	1P \$30+1P NH	1P \$30+1P NH	1P \$30+1P NH	1P \$30+1P NH	1P \$30+1P NH	1P \$30+1P NH	1P \$30+1P NH
Harrah's Ak Chin	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH	6P \$25+6P NH
Hon-Dah Casino	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH	12P \$607P NH
Paradise Casino	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH
Double Eagle	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH	7P \$407P NH
Lady Luck-Blackhawk	8P \$607P NH	8P \$607P NH	8P \$607P NH	8P \$607P NH	8P \$607P NH	8P \$607P NH	8P \$607P NH
Midnight Rose-Cripple Crk	7P \$30+7P NH	7P \$30+7P NH	7P \$30+7P NH	7P \$30+7P NH	7P \$30+7P NH	7P \$30+7P NH	7P \$30+7P NH
Sky Ute-Ignacio	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH
Ute Mountain Casino-Towaoc	2P \$44 NH	2P \$44 NH	2P \$44 NH	2P \$44 NH	2P \$44 NH	2P \$44 NH	2P \$44 NH
Golden Eagle	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH	6P \$606P NH
Buffalo Thunder	2P \$10+2P NH	2P \$10+2P NH	2P \$10+2P NH	2P \$10+2P NH	2P \$10+2P NH	2P \$10+2P NH	2P \$10+2P NH
Isleta Casino & Resort	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH	10A \$2510A NH
Route 66 Casino	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH	7P \$20+7P NH
Santa Ana Star	11A \$2511A NH	11A \$2511A NH	11A \$2511A NH	11A \$2511A NH	11A \$2511A NH	11A \$2511A NH	11A \$2511A NH
Cherokee-Roland	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH
Cherokee-W. Siloam	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH	10A \$35+10A NH
Choctaw	12P \$60+12P NH	12P \$60+12P NH	12P \$60+12P NH	12P \$60+12P NH	12P \$60+12P NH	12P \$60+12P NH	12P \$60+12P NH
Comanche Red River Cas.	12P \$30+12P NH	12P \$30+12P NH	12P \$30+12P NH	12P \$30+12P NH	12P \$30+12P NH	12P \$30+12P NH	12P \$30+12P NH
Downtown	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH
Firelake Grand Casino	7P \$357P NH	7P \$357P NH	7P \$357P NH	7P \$357P NH	7P \$357P NH	7P \$357P NH	7P \$357P NH
Gold River Casino-Anadarko	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH	11A \$3011A NH
Hard Rock-Tulsa	6P WK1 \$3510A NH	6P WK1 \$3510A NH	6P WK1 \$3510A NH	6P WK1 \$3510A NH	6P WK1 \$3510A NH	6P WK1 \$3510A NH	6P WK1 \$3510A NH
Riverwind	10A \$4011A NH	10A \$4011A NH	10A \$4011A NH	10A \$4011A NH	10A \$4011A NH	10A \$4011A NH	10A \$4011A NH
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**Heritage**

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day for a girl to be given her mother's maiden name for her middle name, especially if she came from a prominent family."

"But Louise doesn't sound like a family name."

"It may be. I had a buddy in the army from New Orleans whose name was Henri Louise."

"French! That rings a bell. I remember my father saying he and his mother and father often ate at San Francisco's French restaurants, and my grandmother loved to speak French to the waiters. I'd forgotten all about that."

"Hobby, for you, I'll give up my seat in the sun to sit in front of my computer and take a look. How's that."

"I knew I could count on you, Joe."

I found several branches of the Louise family in New Orleans and even located my old army buddy, Henri. After a couple more hours scanning marriage licenses I found pay dirt in St. Bernard Parish, part of New Orleans.

"Hobby, take a look at this. Peter James Newton married Mary Louise Smith, July 23, 1907."

"That's got to be my grandfather, Joe. He went by, 'P.J.' Newton. Wow! Where do we go from here?"  
"I'm not sure. Maybe I'll try to contact my old buddy, Henri Louise. He could be a relative of yours. But for now, I'm hungry. What's on the menu?"  
"I've got a treat for you. Cajun blackened tuna steaks."

When you mentioned New Orleans before, I remembered seeing a package of spices for blackened fish. That, with about a pound of butter and the big skillet and I'll have a mouth-watering treat for you. Pedro is fixing a mexi-rice dish to go with it."

After many dead ends I finally located Henri, who needless to say was surprised as hell to hear from me. He told me there were not many left of the Louise family's older generation, but he had a maiden-aunt who knew all the family secrets. "My aunt Annabelle is 93 and lives in a nursing home, but last time I talked to her she was sharp as a tack. Only thing is, she's a bit hard of hearing; you'll have to talk loud."

I got her on the phone

and took several minutes to explain what I was looking for. After giving her Hobby's grandmother's name she said, "Yes, my grandmother had a sister who married a man named Smith. It was a bit of a scandal in our family, marrying the English. I remember they had a wild daughter, could have been Mary, who ran off with a Mississippi Riverboat gambler. I can't quite remember his name."

"That's very helpful, Ms. Annabelle. That gambler may have been my friend's grandfather."

"What was his grandfather's name?"  
"I understand they called him, P.J. Newton."  
"Yes," she cried out in a crackly voice, "that's it, Newton, but he wasn't any

Sir Isaac!"  
"Ms. Annabelle, that's fantastic. I'm sure Hobby will want to talk to you about the family. Would that be alright?"

"Well, I'd be happy to talk to him, but you tell him, I'd like to see him. I don't get many visitors."

We were seated in the lounge gobbling up the delicious blackened tuna when Hobby said, "Joe, you found out something, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did." I paused for effect. "Your grandfather was a Mississippi Riverboat gambler."

A cherished moment, picture Hobby — mouth agape, eyes bugging out, hand holding a forked piece of tuna, still as a statue.

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# Caro's Word: "Confidence"

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But when I say to appear confident, I don't mean you need to appear skillful. A lot of your profit can come from not seeming to play solid poker. We've talked a lot about that in the past. The trick is to make opponents think you're playing much worse than you actually are. That wins you the

calls you need to amass huge profits.

Here's are the ingredients of the best image to convey: (1) You look like you know what you're doing; (2) You look like you're having fun dancing around and not doing it; (3) You seem confident, anyway.

If you can get that

Dear Ace,

*I'm a regular at a local cardroom, and there's a dealer who I've flirted with a few times. A few weeks ago, we went out after her shift was over, and now she keeps calling me and trying to make eye contact. I'm ready to move on, and it's distracting my game. How do I get out of this?*

—Lost in Translation

## DEAR ACE

Dear Lost,

You ever hear the expression "Don't defecate where you eat?" Probably not, because that's not the word used in the expression—however, I am a lady and that is how I'm going to say it.

So, you're in a jumble.

You made the moves on a dealer, she got attached and now your comfortable place at the poker table is in jeopardy. I suggest you handle this quickly and with care so you don't end up having to drive to the next nearest cardroom.

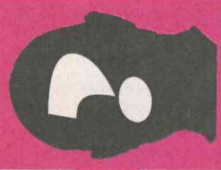
Now, one date certainly does not entitle another person to a relationship with you, or your constant attention. However, you should know that we womenfolk are exponentially less likely than you menfolk to be able to handle that casual, no-strings attached thing. Sure, some are. But it's a safer bet to assume that unless otherwise indicated, girls are likely to get attached.

If at all possible, be straightforward with this girl—you didn't mean to give her the wrong idea—so let her down gently. Besides, it wouldn't look right with management for a regular to date a dealer, so essentially, you're saving her job.

Have this talk as soon as possible. But don't go all-in on my advice...

## WHAT WOULD JOKER DO?

Talk is cheap. In my experience, sometimes girls have a hard time "getting it." Get one of your lady friends to accompany you to the cardroom when this girl is



working.

Have your friend give you a little kiss while the dealer is watching, and she should get the hint. Bonus: this is also an opportunity to explore feelings with one of your female friends

Ace is a 27 year old Poker-

Brat with a knack for the written word and a self-proclaimed ability to tell it like it is. If necessary—she is also willing to provide character references from several facebook friends.

She credits at least half of her savoir-faire to her father—a well-known aficionado of all things gambling.

Joker is a long-time friend of Ace. You may not ask directly for advice from

Joker, but whether you admit it or not, most people have, at one time or another, wondered W.W.J.D?

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demeanor in action, you're on the profit path.

**Question 5: Is it all right to seem arrogant?**

No.

There's a huge difference between confidence and arrogance. You can be confident and still be friendly. You can still giggle. You can be confident and opponents will still seek you out for their weakest plays, because you've made it comfortable for them to lose to you. They know you're fun to play against and don't mind being drawn out on. That kind of confidence makes money.

But arrogance in poker doesn't usually make money, even if you look confident, too. When you're arrogant, you're not going to get extra calls from weak

hands. Those extra calls happen just because you're a painless player to lose to—and you don't seem arrogant.

In fact, if you appear arrogant, most opponents are going to single you out and avoid you. They'll find losing to you unpleasant, so why spend that extra, discretionary, weak money in your pots?

Arrogance is especially bad if you also belittle opponents' play. Then they're sure to avoid profiting you with extra profit. They'll be motivated to play their best game and beat you. They'll try not to make the mistakes that caused you to humiliate them. And if they stop making mistakes, does that help you or hurt you? Don't

answer. Rhetorical question. So, arrogance, never. Confidence, yes, as long as you can stay popular.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST	OR	Astoria Bar & Poker Room, Eugene	7P	NH B	\$30	7P	NH B	\$30	7P	NH B	\$35	7P	NH	\$45	7P	NH
		Chinook Winds Casino	4P	H	\$25	4P	NH	\$25	4P	NH	\$20	4P	NH	\$25	4P	NH
		The Club House-Sutherlin	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$50	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH
		Full House Poker	7P	NH	\$10	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH
		International Poker House	7P	NH	\$10	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH
		Seven Feathers-Canyonville	7P	NH	\$10	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH
		Spirit Mountain	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH B	\$90	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH
		Wildhorse Casino Resort	6P	NH	\$13	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH
		Anel of the Winds-Arlington	10A	NH	\$33	10A	NH	\$33	10A	NH	\$33	10A	NH	\$33	10A	NH
		Blue Mountain Casino	1P	NH	\$20	1P	NH	\$20	1P	NH	\$20	1P	NH	\$20	1P	NH
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	WA	Cable Bridge-Kennewick	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH
		Chips Bremerton	9A	NH	\$20	9A	NH	\$25	9A	NH	\$25	9A	NH	\$25	9A	NH
		Chips La Center	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH
		Chips Lakewood	9A	NH	\$20	9A	NH	\$25	9A	NH	\$25	9A	NH	\$25	9A	NH
		Club Caribbean-Yakima	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH
		Crazy Moon Casino	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH
		Final Table Cas., Everett	12P	NH	\$30	12P	NH	\$30	12P	NH	\$30	12P	NH	\$30	12P	NH
		Golden Nugget-Tukwila	11A	NH	\$40	11A	NH	\$40	11A	NH	\$40	11A	NH	\$40	11A	NH
		Freddie's Club-Fife	8A	NH	\$30	8A	NH	\$30	8A	NH	\$30	8A	NH	\$30	8A	NH
		Lilaclanes-Spokane	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH	\$25	10A	NH
NORTHWEST	MT	Little Creek Casino	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH
		Lucky Eagle	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH
		Muckleshoot Casino	7P	NH	\$65	7P	NH	\$65	7P	NH	\$65	7P	NH	\$65	7P	NH
		Northern Quest-Spokane	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH
		Point Beliance Cafe & Cas., Tacoma	10P	NH	\$40	10P	NH	\$40	10P	NH	\$40	10P	NH	\$40	10P	NH
		Silver Dollar Casino-Bothell	10A	NH	\$20	10A	NH	\$20	10A	NH	\$20	10A	NH	\$20	10A	NH
		Silver Dollar Casino-Renton	8A	NH	\$35	8A	NH	\$35	8A	NH	\$35	8A	NH	\$35	8A	NH
		Skyway Park Bowl	11A	NH	\$30	11A	NH	\$30	11A	NH	\$30	11A	NH	\$30	11A	NH
		Snoqualmie Casino	10A	NH	\$30	10A	NH	\$30	10A	NH	\$30	10A	NH	\$30	10A	NH
		Suquamish Clearwater	11A	NH	\$20	11A	NH	\$20	11A	NH	\$20	11A	NH	\$20	11A	NH
NORTHWEST	ND	Swinomish Casino-Anacortes	12P	NH	\$22	12P	NH	\$22	12P	NH	\$22	12P	NH	\$22	12P	NH
		Tulalip	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Black Jack's Casino	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		4 Bears Casino	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Dakota Magic	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH
		Dakota Sioux	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH	\$40	6P	NH
		Gold Dust Cas., Deadwood	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Rosebud Casino	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Silverado Casino Deadwood	6P	NH	\$44	6P	NH	\$44	6P	NH	\$44	6P	NH	\$44	6P	NH
		Foxwoods	6P	NH	\$230	6P	NH	\$230	6P	NH	\$230	6P	NH	\$230	6P	NH
NORTHEAST	CT	Mohegan Sun	9A	NH	\$60	9A	NH	\$60	9A	NH	\$60	9A	NH	\$60	9A	NH
		Delaware Park	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH
		Dover Downs	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH
		Harrington Raceway	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Rockingham Park, Salem	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		The Lodge at Belmont	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Borgata	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH
		Caesars Atlantic City	10A	NH	\$50	10A	NH	\$50	10A	NH	\$50	10A	NH	\$50	10A	NH
		Harrah's Atlantic City	11A	NH	\$62	11A	NH	\$62	11A	NH	\$62	11A	NH	\$62	11A	NH
		Tropicana	6P	NH	\$120	6P	NH	\$120	6P	NH	\$120	6P	NH	\$120	6P	NH
NORTHEAST	DE	Trump Taj Mahal	6P	NH	\$55	6P	NH	\$55	6P	NH	\$55	6P	NH	\$55	6P	NH
		Seneca Allegany (23)	10A	NH	\$55	10A	NH	\$55	10A	NH	\$55	10A	NH	\$55	10A	NH
		Seneca Niagara (23)	10A	NH	\$70	10A	NH	\$70	10A	NH	\$70	10A	NH	\$70	10A	NH
		Turning Stone	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH
		Hollywood Casino-Grantville	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH
		The Meadows	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH	\$40	10A	NH
		Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs	10A	NH	\$60	10A	NH	\$60	10A	NH	\$60	10A	NH	\$60	10A	NH
		Catfish Bend	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH
		Diamond Jo's "Worth"	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH
		Isle of Capri	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH
MIDWEST	IA	Winna Vegas	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH
		Hollywood Casino-Aurora	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH
		Par-A-Dice Casino-E Peoria	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH	\$60	12P	NH
		Belferra (Florence)	11A	NH	\$125	11A	NH	\$125	11A	NH	\$125	11A	NH	\$125	11A	NH
		Blue Chip Casino	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH
		Hollywood Casino	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH
		Horseshoe Hammond	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH	\$80	12P	NH
		Horseshoe Southern Indiana	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH	\$80	3P	NH
		Indiana Live Casino	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH
		Maestric Star	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH	\$100	7P	NH
MIDWEST	IL	Chin-in's Island	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		The Island Resort, Harris	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Lac Vieux Desert Cas., Watersmeet	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Turtle Creek	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH	\$40	7P	NH
		Canterbury Park	2P	NH	\$45	2P	NH	\$45	2P	NH	\$45	2P	NH	\$45	2P	NH
		Northern Lights Casino	12P	NH	\$10	12P	NH	\$10	12P	NH	\$10	12P	NH	\$10	12P	NH
		Shooting Star Casino	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH	\$25	12P	NH
		Treasure Island	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH
		Harrah's-N Kansas City	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH	\$30	6P	NH
		Harrah's-St Louis	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH
SOUTHEAST	LA	Lumiere Place	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH
		Menominee Casino	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH	\$25	7P	NH
		Onelida Casino, Green Bay	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH
		Potawatomi Northern Lights, Carter	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH
		St Croix Casino, Turtle Lake	1P	NH	\$70	1P	NH	\$70	1P	NH	\$70	1P	NH	\$70	1P	NH
		Mardi Gras	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH	\$40	12P	NH
		Mountaineer Casino	6P	NH	\$75	6P	NH	\$75	6P	NH	\$75	6P	NH	\$75	6P	NH
		Grand Couthatta	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH	\$70	6P	NH
		Horseshoe Casino-Shreveport	6P	NH	\$20	6P	NH	\$20	6P	NH	\$20	6P	NH	\$20	6P	NH
		Isle of Capri-Lake Charles	6P	NH	\$65	6P	NH	\$65	6P	NH	\$65	6P	NH	\$65	6P	NH
FLORIDA	MS	Paragon Casino Resort	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH	\$60	7P	NH
		Gold Strike Casino	4A	NH	\$65	4A	NH	\$65	4A	NH	\$65	4A	NH	\$65	4A	NH
		Harrah's Tunica	1P	NH	\$55	1P	NH	\$55	1P	NH	\$55	1P	NH	\$55	1P	NH
		Horseshoe Casino (Tunica)	7P	NH	\$55	7P	NH	\$55	7P	NH	\$55	7P	NH	\$55	7P	NH
		Isle of Capri-Biloxi	3P	NH	\$45	3P	NH	\$45	3P	NH	\$45	3P	NH	\$45	3P	NH
		Pearl River Resort	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH	\$20	7P	NH
		Silver Star-Choctaw	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH	\$35	7P	NH
		Dania Jai-Alai	6P	NH	\$25	6P	NH	\$25	6P	NH	\$25	6P	NH	\$25	6P	NH
		Derby Lane	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH	\$25	1P	NH
		Ebro Greghound	8P	NH	\$40	8P	NH	\$40	8P	NH	\$40	8P	NH	\$40	8P	NH
FLORIDA	FL	Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH	\$60	6P	NH
		Hard Rock	12P	NH	\$100	12P	NH	\$100	12P	NH	\$100	12P	NH	\$100	12P	NH
		Mardi Gras Gaming Ctr, Hollywd	12P	NH	\$45	12P	NH	\$45	12P	NH	\$45	12P	NH	\$45	12P	NH
		Orange Park Kennel Club	2P	NH	\$70	2P	NH	\$70	2P	NH	\$70	2P	NH	\$70	2P	NH
		Palm Beach Kennel Club	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH	\$65	12P	NH
		Seminole Casino Brighton	7P	NH	\$150	7P	NH	\$150	7P	NH	\$150	7P	NH	\$150	7P	NH
		Seminole Hollywood Cas.	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH	\$35	12P	NH
		St. John's Greghound Park	1P	NH	\$40	1P	NH	\$40	1P	NH	\$40	1P	NH	\$40	1P	NH
		Tampa Bay Downs	1P	NH	\$60	1P	NH	\$60	1P	NH	\$60	1P	NH	\$60	1P	NH
		The Isle at Pompan														



## Superstition

### CARD SENSE

BY ASHLEY ADAMS



For some, luck is not immutable or unpredictable. It is both predictable and "influencable." These

superstitious souls believe not just that they can recognize lucky trends but that they can attract more good luck for themselves and repel bad luck by adhering to certain superstitious behavior.

I am a firm believer in rational thought. The notion that something may supernaturally influence the cards I'm going to be dealt is, to my mind, absurd. Even so, I'm observant enough to notice that others may be superstitious at the poker table. To the extent that I can understand their superstitions, and somehow divine whether my opponent is feeling especially lucky or unlucky, I can exploit them.

Many players have a lucky talisman or charm. Some have a Buddha figurine, pyramid, coin, or other "lucky" card protector. For most, they are nothing but keepsakes that they like having around. But for others they appear to the owner to be possessed with special powers. To see how superstitious they are, offer to buy it from them and see how they react.

You may know that seat and table selection are an important part of profitable play—helping you better exploit certain types of players. But for many, the seat itself is imbued with special powers to attract or repel good luck. A seat vacated by a large winner might be sought by these superstitious sorts. When you eye a strategic seat change, you may want to inquire about the fate of the last occupant to throw off any suspicion that you are a skillful player.

Some believe that a random event is less likely to happen once it has already happened. You see these folks at the baccarat table keeping track of how many times the deck has favored Player or Banker. At the poker table they tend to be less likely to believe that a player who just showed down aces truly has the aces he is representing just a few hands later—believing irrationally that he isn't "due" yet. Reinforce these irrational beliefs by agreeing with them heartily.

Some players consider it unlucky to sell chips to another player at the table—preferring, irrationally, to have them buy their chips from the dealer. Others think it lucky to buy chips from a player as he is leaving the table—hoping that the chips come with the good luck that won them. Green and black chips are sometimes considered unlucky to have in a red chip game. I've noticed many players who try to sell me their \$25 chip when I'm playing \$10-\$20 stud. Frankly, I try to accumulate as many green and black chips as I can in any game—but that's just me.

I've noticed superstitious behavior when it comes to picking up cards. Some players say that it is unlucky to pick up or even touch the cards when they're dealt. Some think it's lucky to do so. Others think it unlucky to touch another's cards when they're being dealt—refusing to shove an errantly dealt card to the proper player. I don't know how I might take advantage of these superstitions—but I'm trying to figure out a way.

My experience with superstitious players is that they tend to be more likely to gamble and less likely to be highly skilled. That being said, some of the best players I know have one sort of a superstition or another. So don't assume that just because someone brings a lucky orange to the table that he's going to be a fish!

After a long spell of getting no playable hands I've found it useful sometimes to project the image of a wildly superstitious player. I clap my hands really loudly and then make large sweeping motions with my arms. I then look around and say that I'm trying to dismiss the bad luck that was hovering around me. I'll then fiercely rub the felt in front of me, "trying to activate the luck magnet." No, it may not convince my opponents that I'm irrational or superstitious, but at the very least it tends to lighten up the mood of the table with a laugh.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>APRIL 2011</b>		
→ Apr 1-17	<b>Poker Classic</b>	Casino Delaware Park, Wilmington, DE
Apr 1-18	Heartland Poker Tour Event	Majestic Star Casino, Gary, IN
Apr 1-27	Venetian Deepstack Extravaganza II	Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV
→ Apr 4-26	<b>Hustler Spring Classic</b>	<b>Hustler Casino (Ad Pg 7), Gardena, CA</b>
→ Apr 5-15	<b>PokerStars.net North American Poker Tour</b>	<b>Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT</b>
Apr 7-17	IP Poker Classic	IP Casino Resort Spa, Biloxi, MS
Apr 13-17	Minnesota State Championships	Canterbury Park, Shakopee, MN
Apr 13-24	Spring Poker Round-Up	Wildhorse Casino & Resort, Pendleton, OR
Apr 13-29	Spring Break Open	Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa, Atlantic City, NJ
→ Apr 14-17	<b>\$63K Texas Hold'em Tournament</b>	<b>Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, NM</b>
Apr 14-30	Circuit Event	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
→ Apr 27-May 1	<b>Deepstacks Poker Tour Seneca Niagara Open</b>	<b>Seneca Niagara Casino (Ad Pg 23), Niagara Falls, NY</b>
Apr 27-May 1	Western Canadian Poker Classic	Casino Yellowhead, Edmonton, AB, Canada
Apr 27-May 3	Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	1 Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, FL
→ Apr 27-May 8	<b>National Ch'ship of Poker</b>	<b>Hollywood Park Casino (Ad Pg 15), Los Angeles, CA</b>
Apr 27-May 10	Circuit Event	Sharrah's Chester, Chester, PA
<b>MAY 2011</b>		
May 6-15	Heartland Poker Tour Event	Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant, MI
May 9-22	Circuit Regional Championship	Sharrah's New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
→ May 12-22	<b>East Coast Poker Ch'ships</b>	<b>Turning Stone Resort &amp; Casino, Verona, NY</b>
May 12-22	Spring \$50K Freeroll	Choctaw Casino Resort, Durant, OK
May 13-15	South Dakota Poker Ch'ship	Silverado Franklin Hotel Gaming Complex, Deadwood, SD
→ May 13-23	<b>Nevada State Championship</b>	<b>Peppermill Resort Spa Casino (Ad Pg 20), Reno, NV</b>
May 17-23	Mega Stack Challenge XX	Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mashantucket, CT
May 21-29	The Orleans Open	The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
→ May 23-June 5	<b>Mega Millions Series</b>	<b>Bicycle Casino (Ad Pg 2), Bell Gardens, CA</b>
May 27-29	Circuit National Championship	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
May 27-July 13	Deep Stack Extravaganza III	The Venetian, Las Vegas, NV
→ May 27-June 4	<b>4-States Poker Ch'ship</b>	<b>Downstream Casino Resort (Ad Pg 13), Quapaw, OK</b>
May 31-July 20	World Series of Poker	Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
<b>JUNE 2011</b>		
June 4-21	The Grand Poker Series	The Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, NV
July 21-31	Summer Pot of Gold	Grand Sierra Resort-Casino, Reno, NV

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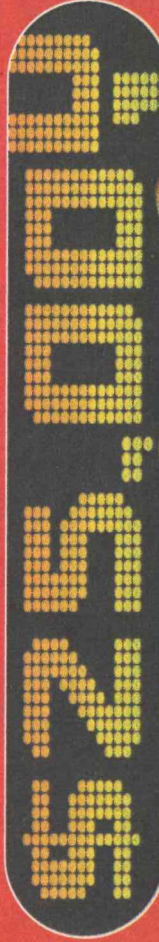
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## SENECA N I A G A R A POKER OPEN APRIL 27 - MAY 1, 2011

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**Wednesday, April 27th - Noon**

**NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD-EM**  
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**20 Minute Rounds**

**Thursday, April 28th - 10am**

**DEEPSTACKS LIVE  
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**Thursday, April 28th - 6pm**

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\$25 BOUNTY \*  
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**20 Minute Rounds**

**Friday, April 29th - Noon**

**NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD-EM**  
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**Mike "The Mouth" Matusow**



**Michael "The Grinder" Mizrachi**

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**Sunday, May 1st - Noon NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD-EM \$300+\$30+\$10 Buy-In = \$20,000 Tournament Chips - 30 Minute Rounds**

Satellites available -- See poker host for more details or visit [www.senecapoker.com](http://www.senecapoker.com)

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## DEEPSTACKS POKER TOUR



\*Receive \$25 for every player you knockout of the tournament. Prize money is deducted from the prize pool. \*\*Mike "The Mouth" Matusow and Michael "The Grinder" Mizrachi will participate in the Main Event. Both players will have a \$1,000.00 Bounty on them. The player knocking them out will receive a \$1,000.00 cash, an autograph photo, plus a trophy. Regularly scheduled daily tournaments are canceled April 25 - May 1, 2011. Resident of foreign countries without a U.S. tax treaty will be subject to 30% withholding on all payouts. Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes and fees. Seneca Gaming and Entertainment reserves the right to modify or discontinue these events at any time without notice.





# California State

## Poker Championship

### May 4th - 22nd, 2011

#	Day	Date	Time	Event	Enter or Re-Enter on any following Start Day	Buy-in
1	Wed	May-4	2pm	No Limit Hold'em <sup>f</sup> Day 1A		\$220
	Thu	May-5	2pm	No Limit Hold'em <sup>f</sup> Day 1B		\$220
	Fri	May-6	2pm	No Limit Hold'em <sup>f</sup> Day 1C		\$220
	Sat	May-7	2pm	No Limit Hold'em <sup>f</sup> Day 1D		\$220
2	Sat	May-7	5pm	Limit Hold'em		\$220
3	Sun	May-8	2pm	Knockout Bounty No Limit Hold'em <sup>**</sup> One Day Event		\$220
4	Sun	May-8	5pm	Omaha 8 or Better		\$220
5	Mon	May-9	2pm	Double Stack No Limit Hold'em		\$335
6	Mon	May-9	5pm	H.O.R.S.E.		\$335
7	Tue	May-10	2pm	6 Handed No Limit Hold'em		\$335
8	Tue	May-10	5pm	No Limit • All-In or Fold One Day Event		\$120
9	Wed	May-11	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Wed	May-11	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Thu	May-12	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Thu	May-12	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Fri	May-13	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Fri	May-13	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Sat	May-14	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
	Sat	May-14	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo <sup>†</sup>		\$125
10	Sun	May-15	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Reverse Turbo <sup>†</sup> One Day Event		\$335
11	Mon	May-16	2pm	Double Stack No Limit Hold'em		\$545
12	Mon	May-16	5pm	No Limit Turbo One Day Event		\$220
13	Tue	May-17	2pm	No Limit Hold'em		\$335
				Etern-ament <sup>2</sup> hour Levels		
14	Tue	May-17	5pm	H.O.R.S.E.		\$1,065
15	Wed	May-18	2pm	No Limit Hold'em		\$335
16	Wed	May-18	5pm	Knockout Bounty No Limit Hold'em <sup>***</sup>		\$1,575
	Thu	May-19		Mega Satellite Day <sup>11</sup> am, 3pm & 7pm		\$335
	Fri	May-20	11am	Last Chance Mega Satellite		\$335
	Fri	May-20	2pm	No Limit Championship <sup>*</sup> Day 1		\$2,575
	Sat	May-21	2pm	No Limit Championship <sup>*</sup> Day 2		\$2,575
	Sun	May-22	2pm	No Limit Championship <sup>*</sup> Day 3		\$2,575

## Single Table Satellites

Wednesday, May 4th - Thursday, May 19th at 11am - Midnight

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